



1067th meeting of the
Pacific Coast Numismatic Society

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Coinage of British Java

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Please join us Wednesday, March 23, 2005 to hear Rick Webster speak about the coinage of British Java.

1066th Meeting February 23, 2005. Australia's Hay Camp POW Internment Tokens *Herb Miles*

Herb Miles presented an interesting program on the Australia Hay Camp Internment Tokens. These coin substitutes consist of copper or brass material and were used exclusively within the Hay and other internment camps of Eastern Australia and were used in New Zealand as well. They are denominated as 1 Penny, 3 Pence, 1 Shilling, 2 Shillings and 5 Shillings. Approximately 100 complete sets have been traced during the years after World War II.

The tokens were made by two private contractors in Victoria, one of the states or provinces of Australia. K. G. Luke and R. Arende produced the pieces on behalf of the Australian Canteen Defence Service. The Hay Camp, in a scandal that was more common than not during World War II, was populated by Austrian and German Jews displaced from England and shipped to Australia on the HMT Dunera as prisoners of war. These individuals became known thereafter as the "Dunera Boys." Far from acting as military prisoners, the internees established schools, a newspaper, a symphony, and all the attributes of a small city, producing their own currency for a time. Such currency, of course, contravened the Australian laws on counterfeiting or issuing legal tender and was quickly withdrawn, becoming another scarce collectible.

Raffle

- 1941 Netherlands East Indies 1/10 Gulden & 1942 ½ Gulden to *Lori Reppeteau*. One of these was minted in San Francisco, the other in Philadelphia
- A silver 15 Kopecks from Russia went to *Larry Reppeteau*
- A grouping of neat San Francisco scene postcards was taken home by *Rick Webster*
- A smattering of Hell Banknotes left with *Gordon Donnell* to be burned for his ancestors.

June Banquet

Save the date! The annual PCNS banquet will be held Saturday, June 25, 2005 at the Delancey Street Restaurant, 600 Embarcadero (at Brannan Street) in San Francisco. A no-host bar will start at 6:30PM followed by dinner at 7:00PM. The cost will be \$34.00 and there is a strict limit of 24 attendees due to the size of the banquet room. The menu will be announced at this month's meeting. Look for a registration form soon.

Exhibits

Ken Takahashi brought a very interesting series of stamps from various international expositions; including the Panama Pacific International Exposition, the Golden Gate International Exposition, the St. Louis World's Fair in 1904, and numerous others.

Gordon Donnell exhibited his recently acquired lucky souvenir penny from the 1915 San Diego Panama California Exposition, a bond holder from World War II and some recent woods and elongated cents for current ANA candidates.

Michael Whalen brought some cherry picked finds directly from his own collection, having reviewed Breen's Encyclopedia on American Coins, he was able to identify an 1867 Liberty Seated dollar with a half dollar logotype, a Walking Liberty half dollar with the date punched at least twice, and a \$10 St. Gaudens with the mintmark punched three times!!

Rick Webster exhibited some recent acquisitions, a 1909 Ceylon token featuring the East India House and a nice fob from the 1909 Portola Festival.

Elliot Wehner brought an interesting Indian War Campaign Medal, a recently struck example, but nonetheless of interest as it has been issued from the 1800s up to the early 1900s.

Michael Wehner, on the other hand, brought a rare 1876 Centennial Medal, signed by two early San Francisco engravers, Mohrig and Kuner. The figure of Eureka in the state seal has been recently identified by (non-member) Mike Locke to be identical to an 1883 Calgold token, thus narrowing the engraver of that piece to one of two.

Previously unknown San Francisco billiard table token



Obverse: GOOD FOR 5 CT. DRINK / OUR HOUSE / B. CONWAY / 993 / MARKET ST. S.F. // Reverse: AUG. JUNGBLUT & CO. / MANUFACTURERS / OF / (pool table) / SAN FRANCISCO, CAL. brass, 24mm.

Tokens depicting billiard tables are always popular with collectors. Many of them are mavericks, without self identifying wording on the obverse and hence difficult to attribute. The reverse of this type of token is usually a stock design advertising a supplier of billiard tables and accessories and is generally not related to the location of the end user of the token. However, this previously unknown piece from the “Our House” saloon on Market Street features a San Francisco billiard firm, August Jungblut & Co. giving us two local tokens in one piece!

Papers Contest

Reminder: Papers for 2005 are due by the April meeting.

Speakers needed

Tell us what you know! Volunteers contact Rick Webster.

Venue note

Most of the time we meet in Room 370, if we are not there we are in Room 372. Check for the note that Fort Mason puts next to the door. Also note that there are five Wednesdays this month, so the meeting may be earlier than you expect. Which explains the lateness of this bulletin...